

## MEMORANDUM

November 22, 2006

TO: Neil Pederson, Administrator, State Highway Administration  
Senator Jennie Forehand, Delegates Kumar Barve, Luiz  
Simmons, Jim Gilchrist - District 17 Delegation

FROM: Nancy Floreen, Councilmember  
Roger Berliner, Councilmember-Elect

RE: Pedestrian Safety in Garrett Park

We were all saddened by the death of the young boy on Strathmore Avenue last week. This unfortunate incident highlights the need for the state and county governments to diligently and continually focus attention on ways to enhance pedestrian safety throughout the County. The Garrett Park Town Council recently voted unanimously to request several measures that State Highway could implement to make Strathmore Avenue a safer thoroughfare. We will be doing all we can to ensure County responsiveness to this situation and request that you do the same.

The County was reassured to learn that the sidewalk lights along Strathmore Avenue will be turned on in the very near future. However, other safety tools are necessary. We request that you replace the existing crosswalks with reflective zebra crosswalks. In addition, we ask that you install a fully functioning traffic signal at the intersection of Strathmore at Kenilworth Avenue without widening Strathmore Avenue. I hope you can address these matters expeditiously.

These measures, in conjunction with steps the County Government must also take to address pedestrian safety on Strathmore Avenue, should go a long way to improve the current, dangerous situation.

cc: Carolyn Shawaker, Mayor, Garrett Park